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NAIROBI AND LUSAKA FOR SENATOR HAYAKAWA

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SUBJ: CODEL HAYAKAWA: SENATOR MEETS WITH PRESIDENT

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1. SENATOR HAYAKAWA MET WITH PRESIDENT KHAMA AS SCHEDULED, AT 1500 JUNE 1. ON US SIDE WERE AMBASSADOR AND DCM. SENIOR SECRETARY LEGWAILA SAT IN WITH PRESIDENT.
2. SENATOR TOOK INITIATIVE TO ESTABLISH INFORMAL, HUMAN RAPPORT WITH PRESIDENT BY REMARKING THAT THEY BOTH HAD MADE SUCCESSFUL INTERRACIAL MARRIAGES AND HAD RAISED FAMILIES OF WHICH THEY WERE BOTH JUSTLY PROUD. PRESIDENT EXPRESSED AGREEMENT.
3. ASKED WHAT HE THOUGHT AFTER SEEING RHODESIA AND HIS CONVERSATIONS THERE, SENATOR SAID HIS IMPRESSION WAS THAT WHITE RHODESIANS HAD UNDERGONE SINCERE CHANGE AND WERE NOT THE SAME AS A FEW YEARS AGO. SMITH HAD SAID BLACKS WOULD NEVER

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GOVERN, BUT WHITES WERE IN FACT PREPARING ELECTIONS ON PARTY (NOT RACIAL) BASIS AND THEN HAND POWER TO BLACK MAJORITY. WHITES WHO FELT DIFFERENTLY HAD ALREADY LEFT RHODESIA, SENATOR SAID. PRESIDENT ASKED WHY WHITES HAD UNDERGONE THIS CHANGE, HAD IT BEEN FORCED ON THEM BY PRESSURE OF EVENTS, AND REALIZATION THEY COULD NOT WIN MILITARILY, OR WAS IT BECAUSE THEIR POSITION WAS IMMORAL? SENATOR REPLIED HE BELIEVED

IT STEMMED FROM A THIRD REASON, A GENUINE LOVE OF RHODESIA, WHITE OR BLACK. PRESIDENT KHAMA REMARKED THAT MANY WHITE RHODESIANS APPEARED TO BE LEAVING BECAUSE THEY REFUSED TO FIGHT FOR A CAUSE IN WHICH THEY DID NOT BELIEVE; THIS WAS A REAL LOSS, HE SAID, FOR THESE WERE THE WHITES WHO DID NOT BELIEVE IN VIOLENCE.

4. SENATOR EXPRESSED VIEW THAT THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT LEADERS WERE "AUTHENTIC AND SINCERE" IN THEIR DETERMINATION TO HAVE ONE-MAN, ONE-VOTE AND A MAJORITY GOVERNMENT. THE PRESIDENT COMMENTED THAT "AUTHENTIC AND SINCERE" INVOLVED SEMANTICS, BUT ACKNOWLEDGED THAT MUZOREWA AND SITHOLE MAY REPEAT MAY HAVE CHANGED, "DESPITE THE FACTS". SENATOR SAID WHILE NO ONE WILL KNOW SINCERITY OR SUCCESS OF INTERNAL SOLUTION UNTIL AT LEAST DECEMBER 31, HE PREFERRED TO TAKE CHANCE ON IT RATHER THAN TRUST MUGABE, WHO WANTS A ONE-PARTY, MARXIST STATE. PRESIDENT RETORTED: "WHY SHOULD WE TRUST SMITH, WHO SAID BLACKS WOULD NEVER RULE RHODESIA?"

5. THE SENATOR OFFERED THE IDEA THAT PERHAPS THE ULTIMATE SOLUTION LAY IN MORE MATERIAL PROSPERITY, I.E., GIVING EVERY-ONE A GREATER STAKE IN THE ACTION. "WHY NOT", HE ASKED JOKINGLY, "SUBSTITUTE CORRUPTION FOR KILLING PEOPLE?" PRESIDENT SAID HE DID NOT KNOW WHICH WAS WORSE: "IN MANY PARTS OF AFRICA THEY HAVE BOTH." REFERRING TO MURDER OF CHIEF KAPUUNO, LEGWAILA NOTED THAT "IN NAMIBIA, ONCE YOU START ASSASSINATIONS YOU'VE

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OPENED A PANDORA'S BOX, IN WHICH ALL PARTIES ENGAGE IN A FESTIVAL OF MUTUAL ANNIHILATION".

6. COMMENT: IN CASUAL CONVERSATION FOLLOWING DAY, LEGWAILA TOLD DCM HE THOUGHT PRESIDENT VERY MUCH ENJOYED MEETING SENATOR HAYAKAWA AND THAT "IT IS ALWAYS STIMULATING TO MEET INTERESTING PEOPLE, EVEN THOUGH YOU MAY NOT AGREE WITH THEIR VIEWS".
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